STATE OF VERMONT PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD

Docket No. 7575

Tariff filing of Washington Electric)
Cooperative, Inc. re: proposed rate design)
changes, to take effect December 11, 2009)

Order entered: 2/26/2010

SCHEDULING ORDER

On January 5, 2010, Washington Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("WEC") filed a letter, pursuant to Public Service Board Rule 2.402(C), disclosing an additional witness and documents in support of its direct case. On January 7, 2010, I issued a prehearing conference memorandum and scheduling order in this docket. That schedule did not provide an opportunity for WEC to file additional direct testimony. On February 5, 2010, WEC filed a Joint Motion to Extend the Discovery Schedule to provide for the additional testimony in the schedule. Both WEC and the Department of Public Service ("Department"), the only other party to this case, signed the motion.

In a December 23, 2009, filing, WEC agreed to a one-month extension of the seven-month deadline for a final order, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 227. The one-month extension was based on the assumption that hearings would be held during the week of May 17, 2010. Under the schedule requested by the parties, hearings will now be held during the week of May 31, 2010. Accordingly, I will only grant the Joint Motion to extend the schedule in this Docket if WEC agrees to waive the seven-month deadline for an additional two weeks, which would extend the deadline to August 25, 2010.

The parties' request to modify the schedule is granted, upon the condition that WEC file a letter indicating its agreement to waive the seven-month deadline for an additional two weeks. If WEC does not make such a filing within one week, the schedule set forth in the January 7 Order

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shall be in effect. If WEC does agree to an extension of the seven-month deadline, the schedule for the remainder of this proceeding is revised as follows:

March 5, 2010	WEC responds to second round of discovery.
March 12, 2010	Department files direct testimony.
March 26, 2010	WEC serves first round of discovery on Department.
April 9, 2010	Department responds to first round of discovery.
April 23, 2010	WEC serves second round of discovery on Department.
May 7, 2010	Department responds to second round of discovery.
May 17, 2010	WEC files rebuttal testimony.

Technical hearings will be scheduled for the week of May 31, 2010.

SO ORDERED.

Dated at Montpelier, Vermont, this	<u>26</u> th d	day of <u>February</u>	, 2010.
	s/Ar	ndrea C. McHugh	
	And	drea C. McHugh	
	ring Officer		

OFFICE OF THE CLERK

FILED: February 26, 2010

ATTEST: s/Susan M. Hudson

Clerk of the Board

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